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FOR NYE

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PK US FR MNUC TECH
SUBJ: FRENCH-PAKISTANI REPROCESSING CONTRACT

1. AFTER EMBOFFS HAD BRIEFED LOUET ON YOUR TALKS IN PAKISTAN (SEPTTEL), HE PROVIDED SOME INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE FRANCO-PAKISTANI REPROCESSING AGREEMENT. SINCE WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THIS DUPLICATES INFORMATION ALREADY AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON, WE ARE REPORTING AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST.

2. LOUET INDICATED THAT, IN ESSENCE, BLUE PRINTS FOR THE PLANT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED. CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED ON THE FACTORY, BUT SO FAR HAS NOT GONE BEYOND THE BASIC STRUCTURE, FOUNDATION, ETC. THE MOST SENSITIVE SHIPMENTS FOR THE PLANT ARE NOT SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR.

3. THERE ARE NOW TWO PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS FOR THE FRENCH, LOUET ASSERTED: TRAINING PAKISTANIS AND THE CHOPPING MACHINE. SO FAR THE FRENCH HAVE DELAYED ACCEPTING TRAINEES BUT THE PAKS ARE INCREASINGLY
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INSISTENT, PARTICULARLY THE NEW PAKISTANI EMBASSY COUNSELOR HERE WHO IS MAKING STRONG DEMARCHES TO THE CEA. LOUET SAID THE FRENCH FIND IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO FIND PRETEXTS FOR DELAY ON THIS MATTER.

4. THE CHOPPING MACHINE, A KEY ELEMENT, IS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY UNTIL SOMETIME IN 1978. LOUET

CONTINUED, HOWEVER, THAT ST. GOBAIN-NOUVELLES TECHNIQUES
MUST ORDER IT FROM THE FRENCH MANUFACTURER NOW IF THAT
DATE IS TO BE MET. TH ORDER HAS BEEN DELAYED PENDING
A GOVERNMENT (COFACE) GUARANTEE WHICH THE FRENCH HELD
UP. THE FRENCH TOLD THE PAKS THAT THE DELY WAS
BUREAUCRATIC BUT HINTED THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE
UNSETTLED POLITICAL SITUATION SURROUNDING BHUTTO'S
OUSTER. NOW THAT THE PAKISTANI SITUATION HAS
STABILIZED, THIS ARGUMENT IS NO LONGER VALID ACCORDING
TO LOUET.
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